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SUBJECT: PAN AM SERVICE TO PARIS

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1. COMMEAU OF PANAM HAS ADVISED HE HAD BEEN INFORMALLY TOLD BY DGAC OFFICIAL (WHOM HE DID NOT IDENTIFY) THAT THE DGAC WAS TAKING A STRONG NEGATIVE VIEW WITH RESPECT TO CHANGE OF GAUGE AT LONDON. HE QUOTED THIS OFFICIAL AS SAYING THAT, IN THE PAST WHENEVER FRENCH CARRIERS WANTED TO MAKE CHANGES WHICH PROVIDED OPERATIONAL ADVANTAGES, THE U.S. HAD INSISTED ON BEING COMPENSATED AND THAT THIS PRINCIPLE WAS RELEVANT HERE. THIS OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY ALSO ALLUDED TO NATIONAL AIRLINES DESIGNATION AS CONSTITUTING A PROBLEM FOR THE FRENCH AND REFERRED TO DIFFICULTIES IN GETTING RIGHTS FOR THE CONCORDE TO OPERATE TO MEXICO.

2. COMMEAU ADDED THAT ON TELEPHONIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM HIS NEW YORK HEADQUARTERS HE HAD GONE BACK INFORMALLY TO THIS OFFICIAL AND ASKED FOR RECONSIDERATION BEFORE THE DGAC TOOK A FORMAL DECISION, CITING PARAGRAPH TWO OF THE "UNPUBLISHED MINUTES" OF THE
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1959 NEGOTIATIONS (A COPY OF WHICH COMMEAU DOES NOT HAVE) AND THE PRECEDENT FROM 1959 TO 1963 OF A CHANGE OF GAUGE AT ROME ON FLIGHTS FROM TEHRAN TO PARIS. COMMEAU SAID HE CONTINUED TO GET A NEGATIVE REACTION, BUT WAS PROMISED A MORE DEFINITIVE WORD EARLY NEXT WEEK.

3. COMMEAU ALSO NOTED THAT HE MIGHT BE ASKING FOR EMBASSY INTERVENTION NEXT WEEK. WE TOLD HIM THAT WE WOULD PROBABLY NEED INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE STATE DEPARTMENT AND THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR PANAM TO DISCUSS MATTER IN WASHINGTON BEFORE MAKING A REQUEST TO THE EMBASSY.

4. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW WHO THIS DGAC OFFICIAL IS, BUT ARE STRUCK BY THE SIMILARITY OF LANGUAGE IN HIS REMARKS WITH RESPECT TO COMPENSATION AND THOSE OF QUAI D'ORSAY'S CLAUDE-LAFONTAINE IN OUR FIRST DISCUSSION WITH HER REGARDING TWA'S GENEVA-NICE BLIND SECTOR RIGHTS. (SEE PARIS 3986, PARA D). IF "UNPUBLISHED MINUTES" ARE RELEVANT TO ANY DEMARCHE WE MAY BE CALLED UPON TO MAKE, PLEASE PROVIDE US WITH COPY OF TEXT.
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